

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously presented) A lubricant comprising a suspension having a liquid resin which is capable of coating and drying and a powder of RBC (rice bran ceramics) suspended in the liquid resin, the suspension being capable of forming a dry film by coating and drying thereof.

2. (Previously presented) The lubricant according to claim 1, wherein the RBC is in a proportion with a range from 22 to 74% by weight.

3. (Previously presented) The lubricant according to claim 1, wherein the RBC has a mean particle diameter not exceeding 5 μm .

4. (Previously presented) The lubricant according to claim 1, wherein the liquid resin is an acrylsilicone resin.

5. (Previously presented) A sliding member having a sliding surface covered with a dry film formed by applying the lubricant, wherein said lubricant is comprised of a liquid resin being capable of coating and drying and a suspension having a powder of RBC (rice bran ceramics) suspended in the liquid resin.

6. (Original) The sliding member according to claim 5, wherein the RBC is in a proportion with a range from 22 to 74% by weight.

7. (Previously presented) The sliding member according to claim 5, wherein the RBC has a mean particle diameter not exceeding 5 μm .

8. (Previously presented) The sliding member according to claim 5, wherein the liquid resin is an acrylsilicone resin.

9. (Previously presented) The lubricant according to claim 1, wherein thickness of the dry film is 10 μ m or more and 100 μ m or less.

10. (Previously presented) The sliding member according to claim 5, wherein thickness of the dry film is 10 μ m or more and 100 μ m or less.

11. (Previously presented) The lubricant according to claim 1, wherein the suspension is coated and dried to form the dry film as treating like paint.

12. (Previously presented) The sliding member according to claim 5, wherein the sliding surface is coated with the suspension and dried to form the dry film as treating like paint.

13. (Withdrawn) A manufacturing method for a lubricant, comprising the steps of: suspending RBC (rice bran ceramics) in a liquid resin; coating the liquid resin having the RBC on a sliding surface like paint; and drying the liquid resin having the RBC.

14. (Withdrawn) The manufacturing method for a lubricant according to claim 13, wherein the coating of liquid resin having the RBC on a sliding member forms a solid lubricant.

15. (New) A lubricant consisting essentially of a suspension having a liquid resin which is capable of coating and drying and a powder of RBC (Rice Bran Ceramics) suspended in the liquid resin, the suspension being capable of forming a dry film by coating and drying thereof.